



CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

ATTEND THE SALES OR HOLD YOUR OWN

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TREASURE you'll find at this three-day event sponsored by Human Services. The 6th Annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held **Thursday - Saturday, June 2, 3 and 4**. Registration is \$20 (\$15 without a yard sign) and includes a yard sign, advertising and individual listing in the official registry of sale addresses. Deadline is May 18.

Purchase your official garage sale list for \$2, beginning May 31 at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road or at Creekside. Lists are also available on the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Garage sale. Proceeds benefit the Senior Program.



What do all parents desire for their kids? Health, happiness, opportunity.

Parents can support each other by not providing alcohol to minors. Obey the law. Encourage other parents to do the same.

TOGETHER WE STAND

UNDERAGE DRINKING INCREASES during prom, graduation parties and summer celebrations. Parents, community leaders and other supportive adults play an important role in reducing underage drinking.

- The strongest predictor of kids not using alcohol, marijuana and other drugs is the belief that their parents will be upset if they do.
- New research shows heavy drinking in the teen years can cause long-lasting harm to thinking abilities.
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol.

For information, call Bloomington Public Health at 952-563-8900 or visit www.tricitypartners.org.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

KITE DAY 2005

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S DAY IN JAPAN

IN HONOR OF CHILDREN'S DAY, A JAPANESE NATIONAL HOLIDAY that celebrates the health and happiness of all children, the Bloomington Sister City Organization and the City of Bloomington present Kite Day 2005. Bring your own kite; make one or buy one on site. This free event will be held at Valley View Playfields, 90th Street and Portland Avenue, on **Saturday, May 7, 1 p.m.**



work. For more information, call 952-563-8737; 952-563-8740 TTY or e-mail kstone@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

HELP REDUCE TRAFFIC IN YOUR AREA

IT'S EASY AND ECONOMICAL TO HELP REDUCE TRAFFIC IN YOUR AREA. SIT BACK AND relax by taking the bus or light rail to work. Exercise your mind and body by riding a bicycle or walking to your job. Cut your commuting costs in half by carpooling. The Commuter Challenge encourages individuals to commute to work by using alternatives to driving alone during May or June.

The Commuter Challenge can increase morale, motivate employees to do something positive for themselves and the environment, and is just plain fun. Participants are also eligible to win prizes. In 2004, 234 metropolitan-area companies took the pledge. To learn how you can participate as an individual or a company, call Melissa Madison at 612-749-4494 or e-mail Melissa@494corridor.org. The 494 Commuter Services works with Metro Commuter Services and other commuting solution partners.



COULD YOUR HOME USE A LITTLE TLC?

APPLY FOR A PAINT-A-THON MAKEOVER

SENIOR CITIZENS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES WHOSE homes are in need of a fresh coat of paint are encouraged to apply for the 2005 Metro Paint-A-Thon held **August 6 - 7**. Homeowners must meet income guidelines. Homes are inspected and ranked in terms of need. Application deadline is May 13.

For more information, contact Julie Kinkaid at 612-721-8687, extension 321, or e-mail jkinkaid@gmcc.org. Applications can also be found at www.gmcc.org/paint-a-thon, homeowner application.

Want to help? Paint-A-Thon is seeking dedicated team leaders and volunteer teams with a heart for helping others. Call to volunteer your time to your neighbor.



ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOU

LOCATED AT 9801 PENN AVENUE South, **Creekside Community Center** houses the Human Services' Senior Program. For information on activities, call the Information Line at 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

CELEBRATE SPRING COME TO A TEA PARTY

Invite your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to a program featuring stories that celebrate spring on **Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.**, at Creekside. Tea, juice and refreshments will be served. Human Services and the Oxboro Library sponsor this free event. To register, call the Information Line.

GET PHYSICAL

FITNESS PROGRAMS

Stay healthy and active with a wide variety of fitness and wellness programs including Tuesday/Thursday Exercise, 50+ Fitness, Tai Chi, Pilates, Summer Bocce Ball and the Born Again Jocks.



MAY HIKING

The Spring Hiking Club meets Tuesday mornings in May for hikes at a variety of Twin Cities locations. A picnic lunch will follow the last hike. Cost is \$40. Space is limited. To sign up, call the Information Line.

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH MAY FEATURES A VARIETY OF EVENTS

The Senior Program will host a variety of events in May to celebrate Older Americans' Month. Events include:

Older Americans' Month Lunch and Party

Monday, May 9, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Creekside Community Center

Spring Dance

Thursday, May 19, 7 - 9 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Dance Hall,
1114 W. American Blvd.

National Senior Health/Fitness Day and Fun Walk

Wednesday, May 25, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.
Camp Snoopy, Mall of America

Spring Music Show

Wednesday, June 1, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Schneider Theatre,
1800 W. Old Shakopee Road